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January 15, 2014

To: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman
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From: William T Fujioka
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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE ON FEDERAL BUDGET

Executive Summary

Senate and House appropriators have agreed on a \$1.012 trillion Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014 omnibus appropriations bill (H.R. 3547), which funds the vast majority of discretionary programs through which the County receives funding at or relatively close to prior year enacted funding levels, and also extends funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program. Before passing H.R. 3547, Congress will pass H.J. Res. 106, a Continuing Resolution (CR), which would temporarily fund Federal programs and operations through January 18, 2014 to avoid a potential Federal government shutdown. The CR enacted last October, which has been temporarily funding Federal programs, otherwise, will expire on January 15, 2014.

FFY 2014 Omnibus Appropriations Bill (H.R. 3547)

Senate and House appropriators have reached agreement on a Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014 omnibus appropriations bill (H.R. 3547), which conforms to the \$1.12 trillion overall discretionary spending limit for FFY 2014 that was set under the recently enacted Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013. None of the 12 individual FFY 2014 appropriations bills have been enacted to date. Federal programs and operations,

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instead, are being temporarily funded through a Continuing Resolution (CR), which will expire on January 15, 2014. H.R. 3547 consolidates all 12 individual FFY 2014 appropriations bills into a single omnibus appropriations bill.

In addition to funding discretionary programs, the bill also appropriates approximately \$82 billion for SNAP (CalFresh in California), which should be sufficient to fund SNAP through at least the end of 2014. It also would extend TANF (CalWORKs in California) through September 30, 2014. Its SNAP funding means that SNAP will continue to operate as provided under current law while Congress continues to work on a longer term SNAP reauthorization under the Farm Bill, which is in Conference Committee.

Under H.R. 3547, the vast majority of programs through which the County currently receives funding would be funded at or relatively close to the amounts appropriated in FFY 2013. However, three programs would receive significantly increased funding in FFY 2014:

- Urban Area Security Initiative Grant funding is increased from roughly \$490 million to \$587 million in FFY 2014;
- State Homeland Security Grant Program funding is increased by about \$106 million to \$406 million in FFY 2014; and
- Head Start funding is increased by \$612 million to nearly \$8.6 billion in FFY 2014.

Two programs through which the County receives funding would be significantly cut in FFY 2014:

- State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) is reduced by roughly \$70 million to \$180 million in FFY 2014, which is its lowest funding level since 1995 when SCAAP first received funding. In FFY 2013, the County received its lowest ever SCAAP payment of \$5.7 million; and
- Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) funding would be reduced from \$374 million in FFY 2013 to \$254.6 million in FFY 2014, which would cut the County's HPP allocation by roughly \$3 million to \$7 million in FFY 2014.

The bill also includes funding for two Army Corps of Engineers projects of County interest -- \$6,440,000 for operation and maintenance of the Los Angeles County Drainage Area and \$800,000 for an investigation of the California Coastal Sediment Master Plan, which includes the County's coastal area.

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Of County interest, H.R. 3547 includes County-supported language, pursued by the County's Congressional delegation, which would direct the Federal Aviation Administration to begin drafting rules to reduce helicopter noise in the Los Angeles area unless it can show that voluntary noise reduction efforts are effective in reducing noise from helicopter flights.

Congress first will enact H.J. Res. 106, a Continuing Resolution (CR) to temporarily fund Federal programs and operations through January 18, 2014 to provide Congress sufficient time to pass H.R. 3547 and to avoid a potential Federal government shutdown. The CR enacted last October, which has been temporarily funding Federal programs, otherwise, will expire on January 15, 2014.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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